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Wheeler renovations halted

BY CHRISTIAN SALVATORI
Last semester the Wheeler Recreation Center began what is hoped to be a dramatic facelift for the better. It has been years since any substantial work has been done on that building.

The first and most striking work done to the building was the "painting of the roof." According to John Greene, the Director of the facility, "it was an entire roofing system that was installed, it was more than just a paint job." The synthetic material used to cover the former roof is so effective that on a hot summer day you can walk barefoot on the roof without any problems. This of course was "a first priority" because without a new roofing system, it would not have been feasible to do any work indoors.

Students have been questioning the need for the painting and repairing of the roof. However, "there were several leaks throughout the building," said Mr. Greene, "so it would not have been feasible to do any work indoors until that was taken care of."

He of course admits that there is still a lot that needs to be done where the building is concerned. Unfortunately for him, the money and power to do anything does not lie in his hands, but rather in the hands of the Renovation Committee. This committee comprises of several faculty members namely Jocelyne Poisson, Paul

Engeman, Rob Schwartz, Dr. Guerra, and the contractor Joe Moralda.

As far as Mr. Greene knows, the committee has not met since the beginning of January. Even though he is not a member of this team, he does try and attend meetings so that he can offer his thoughts.

Mr. Greene has prepared a number of business proposals during his seven months here. Some of his main goals would be to see the lobby beautified as it is, "a place that many

not done as yet, it automatically deprives the center of that area. Another court is out of use because its door is yet to be replaced and is presently being used as a storage room by the construction team.

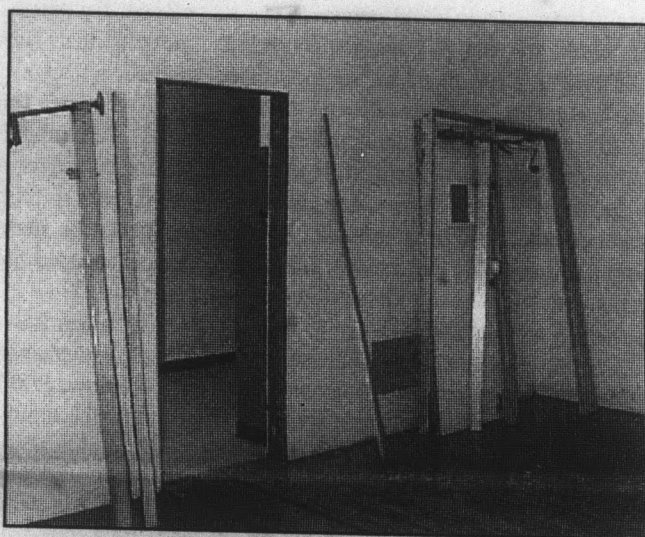
Furthermore, when the purchasing department was approached for a few racquetballs, they said they were not able to process the request due to the lack of finances. Even though the Wheeler has racquets, students can't play unless they have their own

balls. Last Friday alone, several students were deprived of playing racquetball due to the purchasing department not being able to allocate the \$100 or so dollars required.

Requests have also been made for new basketball hoops and curtains to divide the fieldhouse, but nothing has transpired to date.

Needless to say, some work has been done to the facility over the last couple of weeks, apart from the new roofing system. A new security system has been installed and the building has also been rewired to have it computer compatible. If or when they get the necessary hardware, the heating, lighting, chlorine levels and temperature of the pool

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The first racquetball court is doorless and is currently being used to store things

prospective students come to visit," as well as to have the flooring in the fieldhouse completely redone. The flooring is over twenty years old.

In addition, there are a number of requests that he has placed with various departments to simply make the center functional. For instance, a request was made for Buildings and Grounds to replace the lights in one of the courts several months ago. With that

Enterprising students engage in e-commerce

BY GEETHA THARMARATNAM

Two University of Bridgeport students joined the rapid technology development and e-commerce trend that has swept across the country and world when they started a software networking firm, Machrotech, LLC. The company was founded by Manish Chowdhary and Andrew Rosca in November 1999 and was incorporated early this year.

The company has an e-commerce spin as it is selling computers online as well. The company eventually plans to do the work of setting up online stores for retailers at a more competitive rate than its large competitors, such as Yahoo!, Mr. Chowdhary said.

Mr. Rosca, a 22-year old junior majoring in Computer Science hails from Romania and transferred to UB last semester from Bulgaria. Mr. Chowdhary (21) is from India, and is a senior majoring in Computer Engineering. They began the enterprise and now employ three more people, including Professor Mahmood of the University's Computer Science department.

The idea was to initially start assembling and selling computers to UB students. Machrotech has become quite successful in that area as it offers extremely competitive prices. Mr. Chowdhary "had a software perspective to the company and that we thought of as a very good merger of hardware and software together."

The initial funding for the venture came from Mr. Chowdhary's savings and

loans, but Mr. Chowdhary said, "The process of incorporating the company cost less than \$1,000, but as we are growing, we need people to work for us, and slowly the costs will creep up."

He said, "A lot of funds go into the Research and Development as we are developing new technologies, but I really think that we should be significantly profitable within 1-2 years."

They anticipate that they will need "approximately \$20 -30,000 for the first years" but Mr. Chowdhary is confident they will be able to raise that. There apparently has already been interest shown in the company from individual investors and other people within the industry.

The firm's offices consist of "my dorm room," said Mr. Chowdhary. However, he is looking forward to "hopefully at the end of the semester when I move out and look for a place, people can work where I am not sleeping."

"I want to take this company very far and very big and the idea is to be on Wall Street in three-four years," Mr. Chowdhary told The Scribe. They are currently working on a software prototype for a law firm based in Connecticut and have three additional possible contracts with e-tailors that they are negotiating.

The founders plan to have their shopping page ready by the end of this week and up online. They will be "offering UB students a 5% promotional discount." They also plan to

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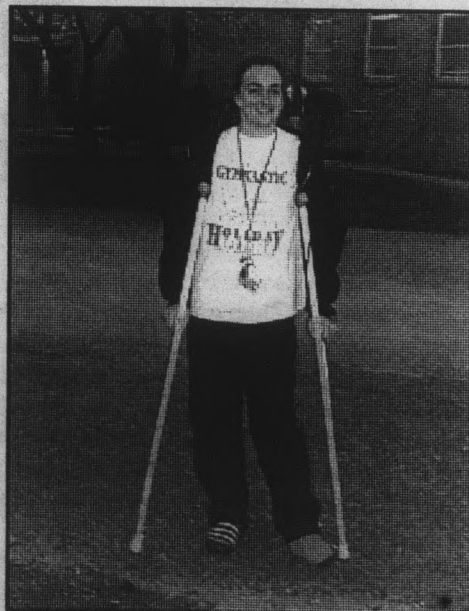
UB gymnastics star injured

BY JOHN E. MUSSER

In an unfortunate turn of events for the UB gymnastics team, Senior Angela Currie was taken out of the season due to an injury to her Achilles' tendon.

On March 8, during a meet at The University of Massachusetts Amherst, Currie tore the tendon in her left foot. She eventually had to undergo surgery to repair the damage.

Currie has been one of UB's top performers this season, participating in all four events of the gymnastics competition. The injury occurred during her floor routine, in which the athletes attempt to flip around for several minutes



Senior Angela Currie's gymnastics season ends early due to torn tendon

straight in a process called "tumbling."

The injury will mean that she cannot complete the season, and of course will not be able to compete with her team at nationals. Currie did, however, have an experience at Nationals as a freshman when they placed 7th in the nation at Seattle Pacific University. Nonetheless, she will be going along with the team to cheer them on at Arizona State Uni-

versity.

Overall, it was an excellent season for both the team and Currie. Even with her injury, Currie will finish the season 15th in the conference, 21st in the region and 147th in the nation.

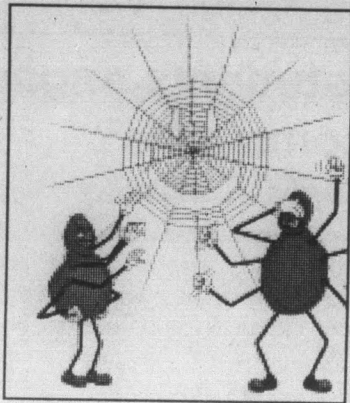
This is the first major injury that Currie has experienced due to the sport, even though she broke her foot at the age of thirteen.

The team is obviously hurt without her contributions. Her teammate Terri-Ann Buncheck said "not only is she the top scorer, but she has been a the top motivator."

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Discovering the Web

Online banking takes an interesting new twist



BY TOM FILEPP

Recently, my electronic travels brought me to a rather interesting, if not revolutionary site on the WWW. The site which I am referring to is one known as 'the first online bank' - X.Com.

Raising my brow in question, I decided to embark further to investigate. Apparently with an account at X.Com, you are able to make payments to anyone with an email address, for free, or so they say. The folks at X.Com also declare that there is an area to actually manage Auction payments from popular auction sites, which is interesting, to say the least.

Obviously since it is located on the internet, you can access your account, twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, which is definitely engaging, especially for all of us who've had the bank doors closed in our face upon our arrival to their institutions at 3:01 in the afternoon.

I liked the easily comprehensible interface of the web site, which is easy enough for even the novice user to fig-

ure out.

The page also starts encrypting from the moment you visit it, so it is secure from the start. The bank is also FDIC insured for up to \$100,000 - you know they mean business. Mutual funds are available as well, though they are not insured.

Upon signing up for their services, they send you several checkbooks and a spiffy X.Com debit/VISA card (be the first on your block to have one!)

The requirements to sign up are as follows - 1.) You must be a citizen of the United States, 2.) with a valid Social Security Number (:o(for all you international students).

The bank is definitely a fascinating idea. I don't buy into it quite just yet though, as I don't feel the internet is secure enough for monetary transactions.



<http://www.x.com>

Tracking Technology Trends

The honor in credit card theft

BY PUNEET BATRA

Hopefully I won't have to talk about this case too much longer. Microsoft has finally made a settlement offer, a part of which includes giving away the right for computer manufacturers to customize the 'secret' source code for its operating systems to use their own applications such as browsers and media players. The company, whose stock has been doing well, made this offer in light of the possibility of a possible breakup order. The verdict is expected to come in sometime next week after a trial judge has reviewed details of the highly technical document submitted by Microsoft.

Meanwhile an eighteen-year old, Raphael Gray, has been arrested in a small village in Wales for allegedly stealing and posting over 26000 credit card numbers on the internet. A Canadian computer security consultant traced the suspects who have caused huge amounts of losses to credit card companies and online retailers. Gray claims that Bill Gates' credit card was one of the many he stole. "I have done the honest thing, but I have been ignored," he was quoted as saying by the Sunday Telegraph of London. "That's why I posted the information on the Internet."

On the other hand, the first software patch (SR 1) released by Microsoft for Office 2000 has raised alarms about major bugs caused by the supposed 'fix'. A number of issues have been reported, the top ten being:

10. Access denied when running SR-1 as administrator under Windows NT.
9. Find on Page (CTRL-F) does not

work with Internet Explorer 5.01 and Windows 2000 Professional and Advanced Server.

8. Internet installation of SR-1 requests "Microsoft Office 2000 SR-1 Setup Disk even though you are installing from the internet and don't have a CD!"

7. Outlook 2000 can no longer find and use Word as its e-mail editor.

6. Dialup Networking connections no longer show on the task bar.

5. ActiveSync on Windows CE devices no longer works with Outlook 2000.

4. Some Internet Explorer users are experiencing an SR-1 download problem. The mes-

sage, "Error: This catalog cannot be displayed. Try Again", is displayed. The funny thing is that Netscape Navigator works without a hitch.

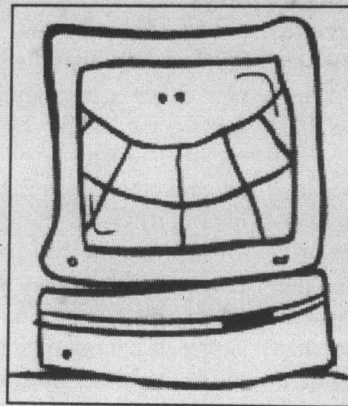
3. Outlook Express doesn't start after SR-1. You might receive one of the following two error messages: "Failed to initialize MSOE.DLL" or "Outlook Express could not be started. This application was unable to open the Outlook Express message store."

2. "Open link in new browser" feature does not work with Internet Explorer 5.01 on Windows 2000 platforms.

And the number one reason ...

1. Office applications exit a few seconds after opening !!

Well, Microsoft has done it again and hopefully they will come up with an SR-2 to fix all the problems created by SR-1. Until then, stay away from patches!



Career corner

The interview process - be prepared

BY ARMAN GEVORGYAN

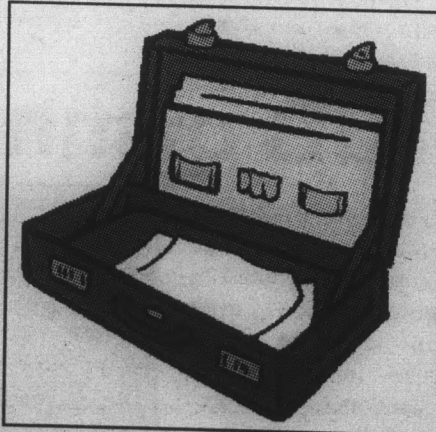
You have found a job posting, prepared your resume and cover letter and forwarded them to the potential employer. You have gone a long way. Now the only step that separates you from being happily employed is a successful interview.

Bear in mind right away that if you are applying for a full-time position, you will most likely go through two or even three interviews. What happens typically in that case is that your first interview is conducted by a human resource representative who will determine your eligibility to apply for the position. After this preliminary interview, you will have a meeting with a manager to whom you would eventually report if and when hired. The manager will have the final say in the employment decision. Of course, if you interview with a smaller company with no human resource department, the preliminary interview is omitted.

Interviewers' questions can be divided into two categories: technical questions and general questions. Technical questions deal with the industry-specific knowledge that a job candidate is assumed to have. For example, a Finance major may be asked about the latest developments on the stock mar-

ket, while a Computer Science major may be tested on his understanding of Java. Page through your old notes to brush up your knowledge.

General questions do not deal with the industry specifics; rather their aim



is to uncover your work and life philosophies. Most employers typically ask similar general questions: where do you want to be in five years, what are your personal strengths and weaknesses, what leadership skills do you have? For a more complete list of questions, along with other useful employment resources, refer to the website of Career Services at University of Pennsylvania, <http://www.upenn.edu/careerservices>.

When heading to a job interview, you should be aware why you want the position for which you are applying, as the question will almost surely come up during the interview. Suppose that you are applying for an investment banking analyst position with Merrill Lynch. You should know why you want to be an analyst, why the investment banking industry attracts you, and why you want to work for Merrill Lynch as opposed to dozens of other firms in the industry.

In order to be able to answer these questions, you should be armed with company-specific and industry-specific research. Visit your interviewing company's website or obtain its latest annual report (for publicly traded companies). You can also use hoovers.com, a website who will profile the company and provide you with its latest financials.

For industry-specific research, go to wetfeet.com, which outlines advantages and disadvantages of several industries. Similarly to the Hoovers website, you can also research companies at wetfeet.com. There are also specific industry guides available on the web, such as <http://www.careers-in-business.com/>, which caters exclusively to Business and Finance students.

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Booze cruise cancelled

BY JOHN E. MUSSER
UB students will miss out on a traditional way of getting totally trashed this year, as the annual Cruise to Nowhere (Booze Cruise) will not take place.

The decision to not fund this event was ultimately made by a Joint session in Student Congress, after a series of emotionally charged debates and repeals.

The original allocation was considered by the Financial Committee of Student Congress, in an emergency session called on Thursday afternoon, March 2. According to Student Congress President, Lucas Mc Cloud, the subject needed to be addressed immediately because the company that was renting the boat wanted to know if the event was going to take place.

The Financial Committee, however, did not vote on the allocation "since it was a large amount of money," and ended up sending it to Joint Congress, according to Mr. Mc Cloud. In addition, the committee has been in a financial bind, uncertain about what they could or couldn't afford.

Since the subject was pressing, an emergency session of Joint Congress was called later the same evening. In a very controversial debate, the few members of Congress that were able to stay for the two-hour session voted to pass an allocation covering approximately half of the \$4500 event, expecting the balance to be obtained through ticket sales.

Both of the meetings that night were closed-door, meaning that only the chair is allowed to talk about the proceedings. As a result, details of both are hard to obtain. However, many members on Congress claimed to be confused as to the policy on abstentions, not realizing that they were silently approving

the decision of the majority.

After the meeting, several members were very upset, and some even started petitions. According to one source, the UB lawyer was even contacted to obtain an appraisal of the situation.

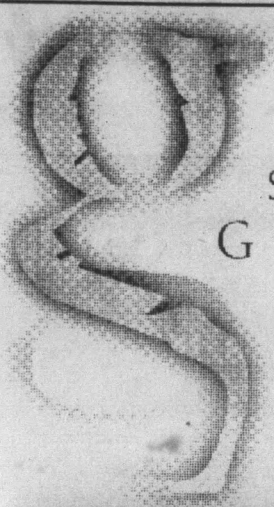
With the debate going on outside the meeting, Mr. McCloud felt "that the deci-

sion was not reflective of the majority of Congress," and met with several different administrators to review the options for a repeal of the decision.

In the next session of Joint Congress, Mr. McCloud informed Congress that a two-thirds majority was needed to annul the previous decision.

The motion was raised and eventually passed, ultimately halting the possibility of students getting an all-you-can drink buffet of beer and wine on a two-hour boat ride.

Two further attempts to approve varying amounts of money for the event were in vain, both being rejected by the group.



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Student wins national math competition

BY ANNA GOURGOVA
Huanyang Wang, a freshman at the University of Bridgeport was recently announced to be among the winners of the annual William Lowell Putnam Mathematical Competition.

The competition is the most prestigious math competition in the US and Canada. This is the first time in the history of the University that a UB student comes out a winner.

Huanyang Wang won among a pool of 2,900 contestants from 431 institutions in the States and Canada. He ranked in the first 60 along with students from top universities like Harvard, MIT, Duke, Waterloo, Princeton and Yale.

Professor Weng, head of the Math Department, shared with pride that despite the participation of teams from Yale, University of Connecticut, Central Connecticut State University, Wesleyan University, Trinity College and other colleges in Connecticut, only Huayang Wang and one more student from Yale were among the winners.

According to Professor Weng, this compe-

tition is recognized as the most difficult competition at college level in the United States. The name of the University of Bridgeport appeared among the names of top universities like Harvard and MIT.

It is a great honor and recognition for the math department at UB. Professor Weng expressed his belief that next year a whole team, not only one bright individual will represent the University.

This has not been the first international competition for Huanyang Wang. He was the winner at the Chinese National Competition from 1995 to 1997. In comparing the "William Lowell Putnam Competition" with the competitions back in China, Mr. Wang commented that he finds the level in China much higher.

Huanyang Wang worked hard on his own and challenged his knowledge with ever harder and harder problems. He strongly believes that his achievement is a product of diligent and meticulous specific preparation that he undertook.

New workstations coming to UB through Sun Microsystems deal

BY PUNEET BATRA
According to an exciting new agreement with Sun Microsystems, the University of Bridgeport is to receive over 90 Sun Sparc, Ultra 5 and Ultra 10, workstations within the next few days.

Twenty of these workstations will go to a lab on the Stamford campus and the rest will be sent to two or three new labs here, at UB's campus. Furniture for the labs has already arrived and things should be up and running soon.

This quick development occurred with the assistance of the new president, Dr. Neil Salonen, who expedited the approval of the funding.

Sun Microsystems is providing these machines at the extremely low cost of about a thousand dollars each. Each of these machines sells in the market for between \$2000 and \$5000 (Ultra 5 and Ultra 10).

In addition, Sun is supplying us with high-quality 17 and 19-inch monitors. Matanya Elchanani, Director of Academic Computing and Network Services negotiated for this deal. The workstations will belong to and serve the School of Engineering and Design.

We are proud of you!

The Scribe would like to congratulate our former and present graduating staff members Anupa and Arman on getting jobs. Arman, we will still expect to see you for copy-editing Tuesdays, and Anupa, for distribution on Thursdays!

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Op-ed

Guess who?



Some girl who roamed/ roams the hallowed halls of UB

Last week's Guess Who?

We were tipped off by someone in the know that the person displayed last week was Dr. Robert Todd from the School of Business

Spotlight On

The hand dryer dangling by a wire in Barnum was fixed. The wall near the stairs in the library's lobby is still not.

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Spotlight On



The ceiling in front of the IT center in Carlson Hall is the scene of severe water damage as the ceiling board has been falling down, straight into the bins placed under them for damage control

Dorm mail situation bleak

BY VANESSA TRINIDAD
One of the problems faced by students has to do with the distribution of mail in the dorms. The regular procedure involves the mail being delivered to the dorms by a special delivery man employed by the Postal Service. The person appointed by the University then sorts out the mail.

However, some students have complained of not having received bills and other important mail on time. There have also been times when the mail for a particular day was not distributed.

David Oestreicher, on being asked about the delay in mail distribution said that when the mail person did not show up for work they either had another mail person sort and distribute the mail or had the RA on duty do it from 7 to 10 p.m. that night.

An official of the United States Postal Service said that they regularly delivered the mail to the school, and were not responsible for distributing it to individual mailboxes. Mr. Oestreicher said that the mail person appointed to distribute the mail is selected from those who apply with inputs from the RDs and RAs of the various dorms.

Besides all this the person ultimately in charge of mail distribution in the residence halls is Mr. Oestreicher.

After the winter break this year, there were complaints by students of not having received mail that had to be forwarded to them after having left forwarding addresses.

Mr. Oestreicher said that prior to the winter or summer breaks students are asked by the RAs to leave their forwarding addresses so that their mail can be forwarded to the correct address.

Students can also give self-adhesive mail labels that can be used to forward their first class mail.

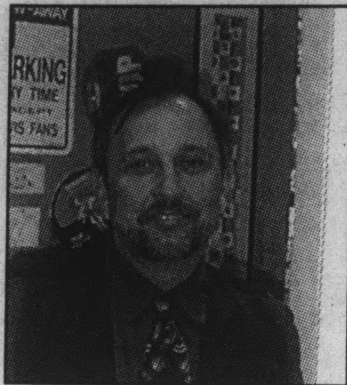
However, most of the bulk mail is thrown away during the summer vacation. During the winter break, if the student will be returning in the spring, then his or her mail is saved for their return.

He also said that there have been some delays this year because of the installation of the new computer system. This new computer system will have complete records of where the students live, their phone numbers, housing rosters that are correct and up to date, etc. This will make it easier to see that the students receive their mail without any delays.

Mr. Oestreicher said that if the students had any concern regarding mail or package delivery they should get in touch with their mail person, the RD of the building, or else with him as soon as possible and they will do their best to see what can be done.

Faculty commentary

No smoking, please!



Professor Larry Phillips offers courses on chemical dependency in the human services and counseling program

Freedom is a key concept to our democracy. So why then do we have laws and rules that limit personal freedom? Shouldn't a person be able to do anything they damn well please? Sure it is easy to see the point of restriction when speaking about theft, assault, murder, and the like but... when one's freedom infringes on another's freedom to be safe and healthy, whose freedom are we to support?

If one was eating in a dining room or restaurant and someone across the room started to throw food, claiming "freedom to throw food if they want to," what should we do? Perhaps... take our napkin, politely wipe it off and smile at the thrower while continuing to try to eat in spite of the barrage. That's exactly what nonsmokers have to do.

I must admit I am the worst kind - a smoker in recovery. I smoked for twelve years and have been smoke-free for twenty-five. I (like almost everyone who smokes) was addicted and could not fathom why my friends were so rude as to forbid me smoking in their apartment... how dare they? But now I have joined the intolerance toward the inflicting of smoke, smell, and filth on my space, eyes, lungs, and clothes.

Nicotine is the most addictive substance (stimulant psychoactive drug), surpassing the other drugs alcohol, heroin,

cocaine and all the rest. Smoking results in well over 400,000 deaths per year in the U.S. while accidents, fires, homicide and suicide combined amount to 250,000. Furthermore passive smoking (inhaling someone else's smoke) kills 50,000 non-smokers yearly, more than death by illicit drugs and AIDS combined. Can these facts be ignored... it is not just an innocuous choice or habit... it is a killer addiction!

One's dependency on all drugs will inflict on others (e.g. abuse or neglect in the alcoholic family, theft to support the high cost of cocaine, or reduced productivity on the job). Smokers will eventually cost everyone money. When they require medical treatment, either their insurance will pay or the hospital will absorb the cost. Either way medical facilities or insurance will pass on the cost to everyone. So the least that we can expect from smokers is that they keep their smoke, and the smell (too bad they have become immune to it) that accompanies it to themselves and their kind in a highly restricted area, preferably outside where at least the smoke can dissipate. I also think it is disrespectful of smokers to infuse their office with smoke and subject guests to the lingering smell. Smoking in the presence of someone else, especially children is nothing short of abuse.

Most smokers do not think that smoking is such a big deal... they wouldn't, it won't catch up to them for years. Unlike other drugs that wreck behavioral havoc, the effects are not dramatic but long-term. But when it does hit, there will be no return only exit. Visit someone dying of cancer and see if that is the way you would choose to die. Perhaps smokers have the right to self-inflict or kill themselves, but they can do it to themselves and each other and keep it from those of us who experience it as a source of discomfort and find it offensive. What would happen in a restaurant if those who exercise their right to throw food decide to throw food at those who decide to exercise their right to smoke?

No cable, again

BY ANDREA KOEHLER
The Scribe has been following the University's thus far unsuccessful pursuit of Cable Television. At the beginning of last semester, there was no cable in most of the lounge televisions, because the University had an outstanding bill at Cablevision that had built up over the last few years. Earlier this semester, we ran a small notice that, according to David Oestreicher, the Director of Residential Life, the cable bill had been paid.

It is now more than halfway into the semester and the TV situation stands as follows.

There are no television sets at all in Seeley, except for the first floor lounge, because they were stolen over the winter break.

In Barnum, all of the television sets are there, but are not receiving cable, except for the first floor lounge.

In Bodine there is cable in the 1st, 3rd and 5th floor lounges. There is no cable in the 2nd, 6th, 7th and 8th floor lounges, as well as one of the televisions in the basement. The other TV in the basement does not work, and there's no

TV set at all on the 4th floor.

When contacted about the state of television in the dorms, David Oestreicher said, "To my knowledge, all televisions that are installed are or were receiving cable." Though he did know about the televisions missing in Seeley, nothing was said about the one in Bodine.

David Oestreicher did mention that some televisions were being bought as replacements though he did not say when we would be receiving them.

After a semester and a half, with no change, the students are not happy. Doris Asiedu-Sarkodie, a resident of Bodine Hall, said, "It's unfair to those of us who can't afford a television of our own, and were promised televisions in the lounges with cable."

Lacrisa Wright, a freshman in Seeley, said, "I want to complain about the fact that the televisions were stolen over the winter break, yet the students have to pay for them." The students were not allowed to enter Seeley hall during the break - only staff had access.

UB students find "True Love" during spring break orgy

Recent protests by the Pure Love Alliance here at the University of Bridgeport were apparently misinterpreted by students who sought this pure love in a festival of orgies in Florida.

Daytona Beach, Fl., was one of the hot spots for spring break this year, and it was made even hotter by those who forgot to pack clothing for the trip.

At least part of the mayhem can be attributed to the misconception of ideas advocated by the PLA. One student claimed, "The group paraded signs that recommended to do your home-

work while your girlfriend."

Apparently misreading the sign that proposed to "Do your homework, not your girlfriend," this student found it very insightful, yet challenging, to do both at the same time.

It was difficult at first, but with a little practice, we could look at the same book together, and fine arts was almost exciting for once."

In another case of blatant misinterpretation, a group of young ladies trying to heed the advice of "no free sex" decided that they should charge for their services...

While many found it very intuitive that "condoms cannot protect your heart," UB students had to find ways of protecting the heart besides putting on condoms.

Turning toward cardiovascular methods, it was found that there are many other ways of avoiding cardiovascular disease, such as swimming, running, and ...

Now really, what were YOU thinking?

Disclaimer

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The publication of The Scribble is a continuation of a tradition that was once present at UB. We hope that anyone mentioned in any of the articles takes it in the good humor it was intended to be in..

People, don't get pissed off!



This protest by the Pure Love Alliance may have been taken the wrong way as students sought to protect their hearts without condoms

Political activists seek to ban donuts

Enjoying the success after their campaign against marijuana and cigarettes, the Self Righteous People Against Death (SRPAD) have announced a new initiative to reduce heart disease in America.

"It is a well known fact that heart disease is the number one killer of Americans," said some Senator that nobody cares about from Rhode Island, "and the number one cause of heart disease is the consumption of fatty foods such as donuts."

Thus, SRPAD has declared war on all high cholesterol foods, such as

donuts.

"We intend to stigmatize people who consume donuts and other fatty foods in the same manner as we have ostracized those who smoke cigarettes," said the Senator.

The SRPAD is fighting to ban the indoor consumption of donuts in all restaurants and other public places.

"Forcing people to watch others eating donuts in the comfort of a restaurant in unfair to good, hard-working Americans," Sanderson said. "We're going to force them to have to go outside in the cold and the snow if they want to kill themselves."

The SRPAD is well known for their efforts against marijuana and cigarette smoking. They were one of the first groups to claim that excessive marijuana use causes brain damage.

Holding to that view, a spokesperson for the group claims, "Baby boomers that smoked dope are strangely attracted to the music of Yanni, proving that there is some kind of brain impairment."

In addition to not allowing people to eat donuts in public places, the SRPAD are lobbying to have labels put on all donut packages.

"If you eat this donut, you will

likely die a fat person by tomorrow morning," is one of the warnings proposed by SRPAD.

Donut addicts were astounded at the news that the SRPAD have targeted them for their eating habits. "Next thing you know, they'll be banning pizzas," said one donut consumer. "Exactly right," responded Sanderson, "and we're going after fried chicken, too."

Philosophical thoughts at Seaside

I went down to Seaside Park today after lunch, to take a nice relaxing stroll on the beach. I saw the crystal clear water crashing on the beautiful white sand beach. I saw children running and playing and laughing at the water's edge. I saw a pair of young lovers walking down the street holding hands. I felt happier and more at peace that I have in weeks, and decided to sit and watch this scene.

I must have fallen asleep, because when the cops woke me up, I was sober enough to pass the tests. On the way back to campus, I watched the sludge that we pretend is water oozing over an unbroken line of beer cans, shattered glass and garbage. The "children" had finished selling their crack

for the day, and had to leave so they could get to the drive-by by six. The woman of the pair I'd seen before had just climbed out of the car of her last customer for the day.

As I walked, a profound thought hit me, probably aided by the other substances in my system. I should drink a twelve-pack every morning before breakfast, everything looks so much nicer when you're seeing double. And, I'd never feel lonely, because even when I'm alone I look in a mirror and I think there's someone else there. In fact, if everyone joined me now in getting so smashed that they couldn't walk, the world would be a place with no crime or violence. Isn't that a great idea?

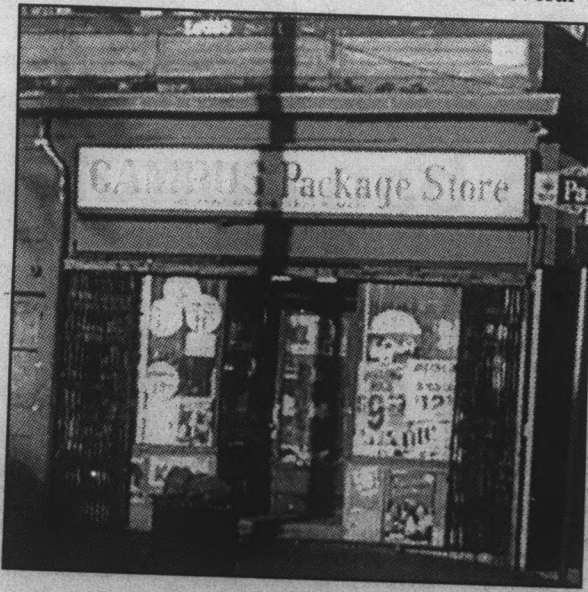


Seaside Park provides a beautiful scene ... from a distance with the right aids

New core classes discussed

The administration has lately been reviewing the core class requirements for UB. After careful consideration, they came to the same conclusion that students have been convinced of for years. Neil Saloman came forth in a press release stating that the core classes are "a bunch of useless tripe that nobody really needs."

Therefore, the Student Congress has proposed a list of new core classes consisting of knowledge that students will actually have some use for, now and in their careers. Here were some of the suggestions.



'Nuff said?

Political Sci-

ence 101: Getting Out of a Scandal

Biology 101: Keeping Your Partner Happy

Fine Arts 102: Pick-Up Lines
Chemistry 201: The Mixing of

Alcohol

Mathematics 201: Screwing the IRS

Physical Education 101: Keeping that Right Hand in Shape

There were several other sugges-

tions, but most of them were stupid.

Due to the restructuring, several other changes will be made. The General Studies field will be grouped with the Fine Arts Department, under the title of

Fine Arts and General Studies. Henceforth, all arts majors will be known as FAGS.

Women live past 35 thanks to new beauty cream

Revlon scientists have dealt yet another blow in the battle against the forces of Nature with the release of their revolutionary anti-aging cream Zylex. "This new wonder drug is getting rave reviews from women all over the world, except for Mississippi where women do not live past the age of twenty," according to a company spokesperson.

Zylex helps women in all aspects of life, not just in getting jobs for which they are unqualified. Jane Cunningham, for example, can now walk down the street and show her ugly face without bringing shame upon her gender. As another fan of the product related, "I thought my life would be over at forty. With Zylex I can postpone suicide until forty-five."

The cream works by replacing what dermatologists call "wrinkles" with tis-

sue known as "unwrinkled skin." Or, in layman's terms, Zylex may cause dizziness and severe abdominal cramps.

Kenneth Sickler, a creator of Zylex, was recently awarded the Nobel Prize for Medicine. The co-creator won a Nobel Prize for her youthful, wrinkle-free skin. The cosmetics industry is hailing Zylex as the most important achievement since the birth control pill.

The response from the feminist movement, on the other hand, has been ambiguous. Katherine McKinnon, for example, made a comment, but we weren't really paying attention.

Reverend Billy Graham on the other hand raved about finally "getting these women to accept what God gave them...huh?"

The Dalai Lama has yet to give an official comment, but was overheard saying, "Where do you get that again?"



You might be a UB student if...

1. You go to a chiropractor for no reason.
2. Your friend knows how much plaque is on your teeth.
3. You believe that Echinacea and positive energy can cure all disease.
4. Your response to water so cloudy that you can't see your hand on the other side of the water bottle is to let it settle before you drink it.
5. You can curse in more than four languages.
6. You know which firemen are on duty every late shift by name.
7. You have trouble finding the motivation to wake up on Saturday in time to go to Marina by 1:30 in the afternoon.
8. You truly believe that the legal drinking age in the United States is 18.
9. You've ever gotten out of a conversation with an American by pretending you can't speak English. This counts double if you are an American.
10. You can't tell whether or not

you go to an American University.

11. You were drunk while filling out all of your college applications.

12. Your GPA in high school was taken in negative scientific notation.

13. You can instantly convert percentage to proof, but the concepts of basic algebra somehow elude you.

14. You share your room with at least three other species of vermin.











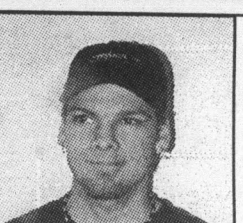




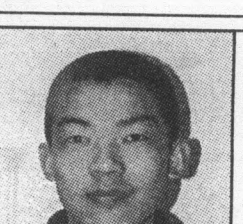
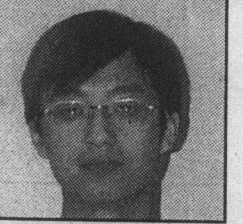



15. You actually have to worry about someone stealing your laundry basket.

16. You are more likely to eat something in the Dining Hall when you can't identify the ingredients.

17. You are aware that you have a couple of sports teams, somewhere, but that's about it.

On The Spot

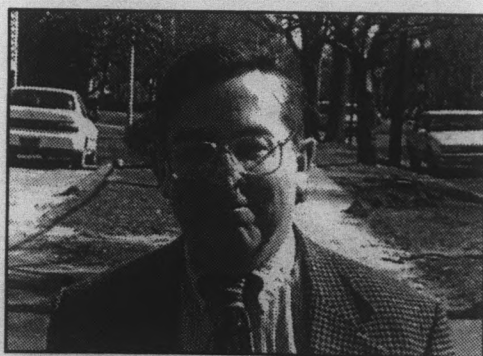
Which professor/ administrator should be auctioned off in the Date Auction?

 <p>"Probably Ms. Valenti. She is one of the prettiest women in the administration. (Look around and you'd know what I mean)."</p> <p>Nataraj Dasgupta</p>	 <p>"Dennis Collins. He is one of the coolest professors on campus."</p> <p>Gautam Kanoria</p>	 <p>"Professor Nicholas (Doc Rock). He is extremely nice and a lot of fun."</p> <p>Irina Ibragimova</p>	 <p>"Doc Rock, cuz he is a nice and interesting teacher."</p> <p>Kotun Kiely</p>
 <p>"Professor Kurt Frey because he reminds me of Fish from Ally McBeal... He's sexy!"</p> <p>Katrina Blackman</p>	 <p>"Ganev, he is not bad looking."</p> <p>Akilah Lopez</p>	 <p>"Professor Van Der Kroef. He is just so full of knowledge."</p> <p>Sharada Narayana</p>	 <p>"Professor Eves, because he's big pimpin spending G's."</p> <p>Oliver Konteh</p>
 <p>"Professor Eves he always told me 'pimping ain't easy.'"</p> <p>Lorenzo Montgomery</p>	 <p>"Professor Lehman - he looks just like Keanu Reeves"</p> <p>Charles Martin</p>	 <p>"Eves, because of his sexxy voice."</p> <p>Elber Carneiro</p>	 <p>"Katz, because he is an enthralling conversationalist."</p> <p>Dan Sterling</p>
 <p>"Professor Greenspan, because he will make a good candidate."</p> <p>Feroz Jamal</p>	 <p>"Coppola, because he has such a great sense of humor."</p> <p>Bryan Barrett</p>	 <p>"Professor James Tucci - Humor and fizz - a sparkling combination."</p> <p>Anand Narayanan</p>	 <p>"Professor Grodzinsky - a real gentleman."</p> <p>Ting Ke</p>
 <p>"Professor Sobh - very energetic."</p> <p>Bingchen Li</p>	 <p>"Professor Maine - unique."</p> <p>Fang Chen</p>	 <p>"Geist, because he knows where all the ladies are at"</p> <p>Lucas McCloud</p>	 <p>"Professor Lehman, because he is young, he seems cute, and he seems humorous."</p> <p>Isis Assai</p>

Scribe picks for the auction...we'll buy you!



Professor Justice
-Social Science



Professor Geist
-English



Neil Salonen
-Head Honcho, Big Cheese, the man...

To Tease, Irritate and Annoy

More Scribble to complain about

Who wants to marry an American?

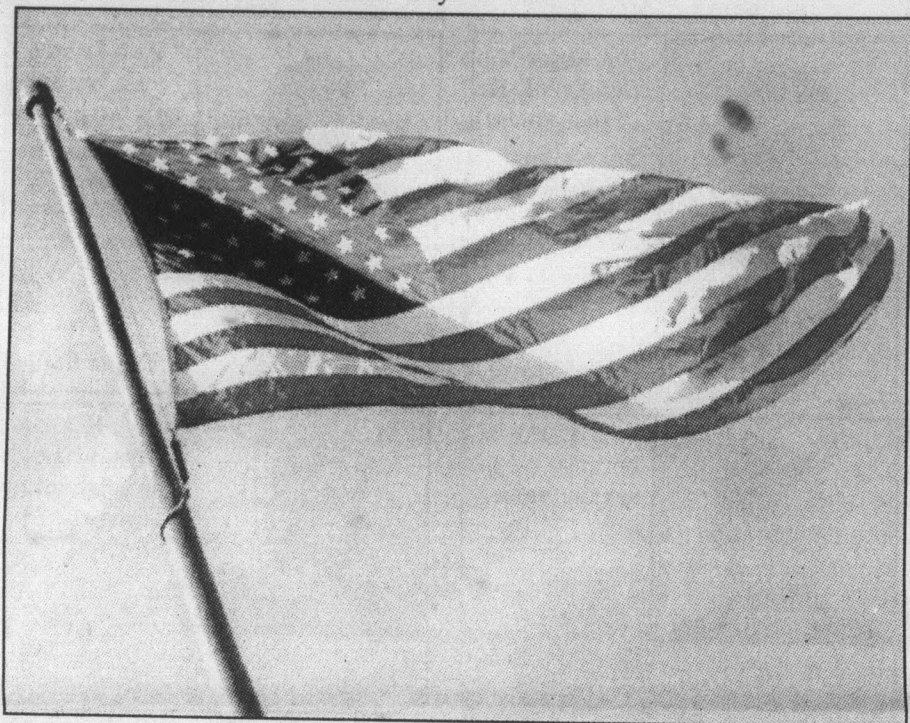
Hello, I have taken out this space in The Scribe as a personal ad because I am in need of a wife. I am an international student from the country of Desperatzan, and I am a senior. I graduate this semester, and I would like to be married before that happens.

I am five-foot-two with black hair and eyes, and have often been told by my mother that I am very handsome. I enjoy speaking in Desperatzian, making money and...uh...well, that's it. I am 23 years old and have a lot of money. I do not smoke tobacco. My

favorite color is green.

I am looking for a female, age unimportant, race unimportant, appearance unimportant, religion unimportant and financial status unimportant. She must be an American Citizen, or permanent resident of the United States.

Any female interested must contact me as soon as possible, and before May 14th in any event. I am looking forward to meeting you.



Earthquake in Idaho: nobody cares

A series of tremors hit Idaho last week, causing several cow deaths and very little concern. Reporters attempted to flock to the scene, but quickly lost interest. One local, however, described widespread looting of grain elevators and animal theft. Police reported several hundred casualties, all of people named "Butch," but still, nobody really cares.

The earthquake registered a 6.8 on the Richter scale. According to Idaho's leading seismologist, "I really know nothing about earthquakes. Would you like me to talk about agriculture?" Surprisingly, though, experts at most universities were expecting the quake. "We predicted this earthquake several years ago," said one Harvard seismologist. "I guess we just forgot to tell the people of Idaho. Oops."

A straw poll organized to survey reaction to the damage was canceled when citizens realized they would need

all of their straw to rebuild their homes. The outpouring of support usually shown to victims of such natural disasters was glaringly absent, though, as most people were fairly apathetic. Reaction on the streets of New York ranged from "Idaho's in the middle, right?" to "Actually I think it's in the Northwest...No wait. You're right. It's



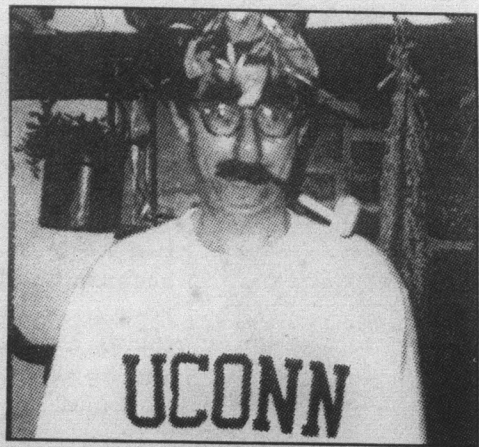
in the middle." President Clinton declared Idaho a federal disaster area, but this was several years ago, before the earthquake hit. "I just

Like Canada, nobody really cares about Idaho thought the state was pretty lame," said Clinton, "so I was like, why not give them some money?"

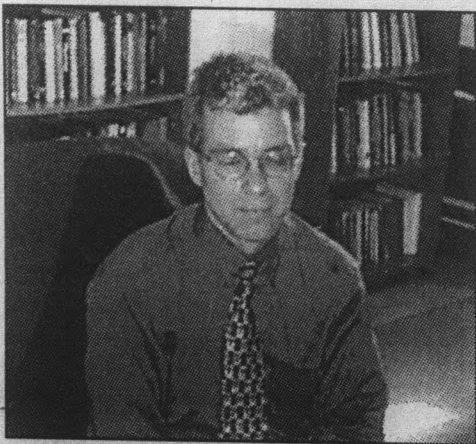
The governor of Idaho said, "Felt like God done raised up and shook this whole township." When informed that the earthquake actually hit several area townships, the governor said, "I always wondered what was down the road, I hope that's not where Butch lives"

The Scribe commends you...

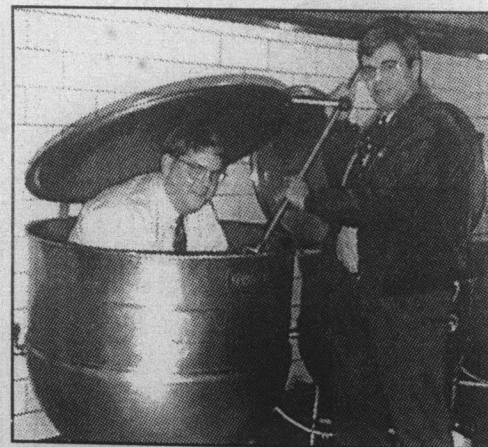
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with the President:
Professor Todd



Most likely to beat you
in a game of chess:
Professor Frey



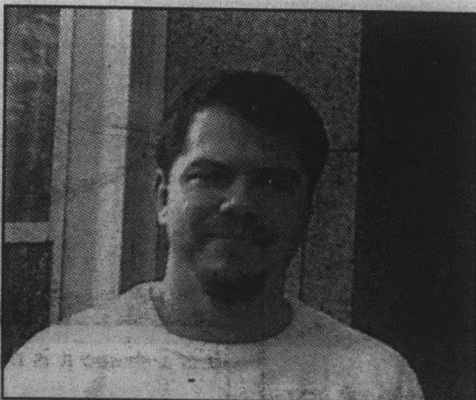
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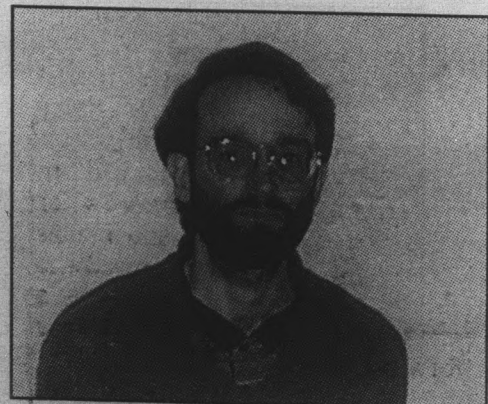
Most likely to be nice about
breaking up your party:
Richie Loehn



Most likely to [not]
thump a Bible:
Professor Healey



Most likely to treat persons
as ends in themselves:
Professor Eves



To Inform, Persuade and Entertain

Police Protection and Gun Law Violations; A Broader Perspective

In a recent event on campus, a student was in fact assaulted with an ostensibly deadly weapon. I hardly think this act can be classified as "mischievous" or a "prank". Yet that seems to be the attention it merited by the Police. I am reflexively a staunch defender of the Police. Having many friends in that noble service I know too well the stress and demands of that job, particularly in an urban environment like Bridgeport. An opportunity to preclude hours of paperwork for such a "minor" offense seems rather defensible given the more serious crimes to which a good police officer would rather respond. But, at the very least, these juveniles should have been hauled off and remanded to their parents with a stern warning. Perhaps the law precludes the Police from performing such actions without effecting an arrest. Although, I was brought home more than once for riding my mini-bike on the street as a youth, and that was no Class B misdemeanor as was committed here!

Connecticut has relatively reasonable gun laws permitting its citizens to exercise their rights. Contained within them it also has clearly stated laws about the misuse of firearms, including replicas and facsimile firearms, which states that use of a facsimile firearm to harass or threaten is a Class B misdemeanor.

It has long been a tenet of the proponents of gun rights that the problem with criminal use of firearms has been, and continues to be, lack of enforcement of existing laws. In this era of clamor for more gun laws it seems ludicrous, given this evidence, that current laws are rarely enforced. Crimi-

nally possessed weapons only constitute .0108% of all firearms known to be legally possessed in 2 out of 3 homes in the US. Additional "feel good" anti-gun legislation has no bearing on criminals who possess firearms, whom by definition, circumvented numerous laws to obtain them. Given the notably high profile attention to gun crime in the media and political debate of late it would seem only too logical to enforce the many gun laws already in place as a viable means of stemming the tide of criminal acts involving firearms, yet this isn't happening! Without enforcement, further legislation only serves to prevent the law abiding of their right to self-protection.

This latest incident on campus brings to light serious issues regarding enforcement of laws versus rhetoric. It also illuminates some sensitive issues of juvenile crime that the Clinton administration has sought to address in the Juvenile Crime Bill. (This legislation has been blocked in congress for reasons far beyond the scope of this issue but I encourage you to read about it.)

Despite all this attention, lack of gun law enforcement continues to be the norm rather than the exception. Recently, a well-known rap artist was caught in NYC with two unregistered handguns in his vehicle (one was stolen.) The mere possession of them (loaded, concealed and accessible notwithstanding) in NYC constitutes a lengthy list of serious criminal infractions of city, state and federal laws. So why isn't he in jail pending extradition on the five-year minimum federal sentence already on the books?

I have no desire to ruin a child's future by burdening him

with an unwarranted criminal record, but I shudder to think what the outcome may have been had Officer Rodriguez been given sufficient cause to believe his life was in danger. His restraint and diligence are quite commendable indeed. Drawing from the stories of children and violence today it is no less probable that the gun was real and this youngster, too young to understand the consequences of such terrible actions, could have shot our officer by virtue of his restraint. Thankfully that did not happen, nor did this child receive an appropriate admonition (in my opinion) to preclude his future disrespect for the law. So begins an ever too common chain of events in the cultivation of our criminal class of citizens.

I would like to remind you that we too have a responsibility to aid law enforcement in their efforts to uphold the law. Should you be a victim of a crime, consider swearing out a complaint against your assailant. All too often, many criminals go free because their victims decline to empower the public prosecutor to enforce the law. Having testified twice against criminal assailants I can tell you that it's not fun. But I could not justifiably permit them to go free to commit another act against my fellow citizens. It's a very personal decision that you may have to make someday, but remember that your decision to accept or reject that responsibility may have dire consequences for the next victim.

Mark Sedutto
National Institute of Justice
Crime Data 1998
House of Representatives Bill
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Me, myself and UB

BY MAYA ATANASSOVA

If there is such a thing as "prestige of academic institutions" and if it constitutes part of one's social and self esteem, I wonder where we, the students at UB stand on that?

Recent surveys of The Princeton Review have rated UB forth in the state of Connecticut in terms of quality of undergraduate programs. Last December a UB freshman was among the winners of the most prestigious math competition in the US and Canada, the William Lowell Putnam Competition (the only other winner from the state was a Yale student). Every now and then you happen to hear nice pride-boosting news like these that make you go "Wow, is that us really? University of Bridgeport?" The news, though somehow suspicious, stirs a warm feeling that runs across your back and somehow soothes your touchy self-esteem.

At the same time, there come these parallel blows that cannot wait for you to stand up on your feet to knock you down again and throw your mind in a state of confusion. There are these sad realities like letters from credit card companies which inform you that they are denying you a credit card for reasons like: "Historical credit performance of students who have attended your school," "Percentage of students at your school that do not return after their freshman year," "Percentage of students at your school that are graduate students." (quotes from American Express Centurion Bank, Salt Lake City, UT)

So, there you are - a UB student holding this letter, perplexed and trying to figure out your thoughts and feelings about your present social status. Obviously there are some great disparities when you measure yourself against the various social criteria - the results are incoherent and contradictory.

Then, the same questions invade your head: Is it my college and me or is it my college against me? Tomorrow, when I walk out in the real world, trying to implement everything that college has taught me, should I dread the name of UB on my resume? How confident should I feel about my personal academic achievements in this college if they are to be weighed against some dark blurry implications that lie behind the name UB?

We seem to live in a strange era of individualism, striped with phantoms of collective prejudices. Someone here may be willing to cry out that college is what you make out of it and that individual achievement is all that matters.

I am so much willing to believe in this. However, disturbing realities knock down my optimism.

Sports On The Spot

How do you feel about not having a Cruise to Nowhere/Booze Cruise this year?



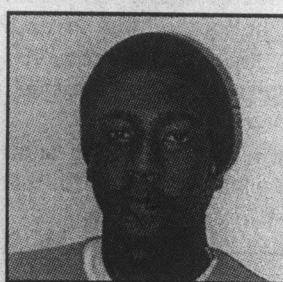
It is a great loss. People need some drinking to relax.

Kamen Dimitrov



I feel that it is a shame. The International Festival is coming up and the school is charging \$7 per person. All that money being generated, and still no cruise?

Calena Johnson



I feel its a great disappointment. A lot of students look forward to the Cruise.

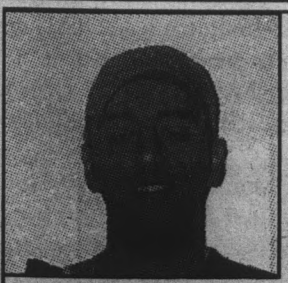
David Landon



I don't drink. So it doesn't affect me really. But I know a lot of people are going to be

disappointed.

Anamika Kak



forward to.

I think it really sucks cuz I'm finally 21 and it was something I was looking

Pavan Vasvani



decided not to do this.

Well, I was shocked when I heard that this has been a traditional event and I don't know why and who

Nalakosh Regmi



It is a shame it is not going to happen.

Most parties at UB have the same music. A cruise is a unique event. It happens once a year.

Fran Jarnjak



I'm really disappointed. Where did all the money go? There were not many parties either.

Amit Verma

CAMPUS SECURITY LOG



03/07/00 - 03/27/00

OF TIMES PERSONAL
ALARM DEVICES (PAD'S)
WERE SET OFF

21

#ACTUAL EMERGENCIES
0

UNABLE TO LOCATE
7

FIRE ALARM ACTIVATIONS

03/15/00 - Barnum Hall
Intentional alarm
Culprit not caught

03/19/00 - Barnum Hall
Faulty smoke detector

OTHER INCIDENTS

DATE LOCATION

REPORT

03/05/00 - Marina
Theft of a box of bagels
Bagels unrecovered

03/08/00 - Bruel Hall
Theft of laptop from office
Laptop not recovered

03/19/00 - Wheeler Recreational Center
7-year old girl found alone
Returned to father who regularly dropped her off for the day there

03/20/00 - Wahlstrom Library
Theft of portable television
Television not recovered

03/24/00 - Seeley Hall RD's apartment
Attempted break-in
Culprit on bicycle was chased by Security Supervisor to Marina Village

03/24/00 - Dana Hall
Professor reported fish used in an experiment were being fed off schedule
Culprits were not found

Security Tip: In public buildings, library and classrooms included, always keep your wallet in sight.

From Wheeler, Page 1

could all be monitored and controlled from a single computer.

All in all, Mr. Greene remains "optimistic about things, otherwise (he) won't be here." He insists that action needs to be taken as soon as possible where upgrading the facility is concerned. Schooled in the "mind, body and spirit" frame of thought, he is adamant that the access to physical recreation facilities is equally important to students as is academics.

From e-commerce, Page 1

offer a web-development course online, and they "will offer it to UB students for free for a period of time."

Machrotech is sponsoring UBAT's date auction that will be held on Thursday, March 30. The reason: "We want to spread the word around that Machrotech has been born and is here to stay."

From Softball, Page 12

well in Florida. They currently have two wins each on the season.

Co-captains, Seniors Katie Rossiter and Sarah Harrison led the team each with a batting average of .333 percent in Florida.

Sarah Harrison, the starting catcher, however, suffered a severe knee injury during spring training. The prognosis is good and she is expected to return before the end of the season.

The first game back in the North East for the Lady Knights was at Mercy College in New York on March 22. The game was a high scoring affair in which the Lady Knights came from behind and overcame their hosts eleven to nine.

On Saturday, March 25, the Lady Knights hosted Bentley College in two close games. The team went down one to three and five to seven.

Rossiter was responsible for the scoring in the first game hitting a home run.

Trailing for most of the second game of the double header the team rallied in the bottom of the seventh inning, scoring two runs but they fell just short of the come from behind victory despite their fight.

On Monday, March 27, the team once again traveled to New York, this time to play St Thomas Aquinas.

Despite the fact that Sara Ward was all but untouchable, throwing a one-hitter, two errors cost the team two bases on separate occasions and the St. Thomas Aquinas team took advantage scoring on both of them. The team went down zero to two.

In this game Sophomore Jamie Sinal, in the second inning, injured her hand batting and was unable to return to the game. Similarly to Harrison, she is expected to be able to return to play this season.

The softball team returns home on Saturday to play Conference Rivals Franklin Pierce College on Saturday April 1.

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From Gymnastics, Page 12

University.

Freshman Joey-Marie Kochanski was named the EACC rookie of the year. She finished the season 19th in the EACC, 28th in the region, and 160th in the nation in the all around competition.

The school finished 7th in the EACC, 13th in the region and 70th in the nation in the season ending standings.

This season, despite the loss of Currie, has been a positive one for the UB gymnasts. The return of coach Lorraine Duffy has signaled rejuvenation for the program. She has maintained her record, taking the team to nationals each year of her reign.

Good Luck in the desert Ladies!

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opener on March 21 to Bentley College 4-1 at Harbor Yard. Their first home win came the next day against Albertus Magnus. McClaren threw 7 and 2/3 innings in a 7-2 win.

The team also suffered a pair of tough 9th inning losses to Mercy College, on March 23, 7-8 and Stonehill on March 26, by a score of 6-7.

Leading the Knights in batting are Adams at .386 percent and Donahue at

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From Angela, Page 1

Currie remains optimistic about her team's chance at nationals and expects them to score well.

Angela Currie is also regarded as a dedicated student. She was selected as the ECAC scholar-athlete of the year.

Currie's doctor told her that it would probably be a year before she completely healed, but she should lose the crutches within a few months.

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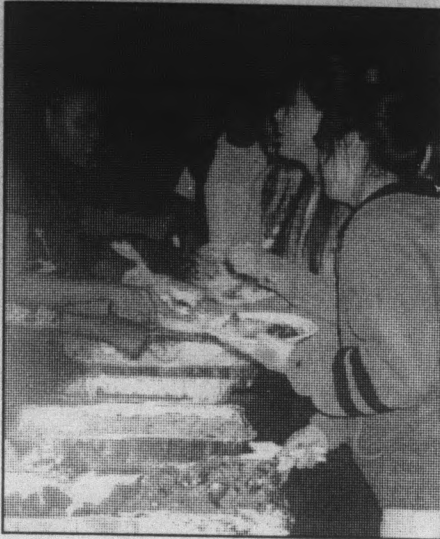
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.306 percent. Miedreich leads all sluggers with 2 home runs. After 14 games, the Knights sport a 3-11 record, but are growing fundamentally stronger.

Upcoming home games are Friday, March 31, against St. Rose, starting at 3:00. A 1:00 double-header is also scheduled with Southern Connecticut on Tuesday, April 4.

Afroganza infuses evening with a fresh African spirit



People enjoyed authentic African cuisine prepared by the African Club

BY MAYA ATANASSOVA
Spring started at UB with a fresh whiff of African spirit. This year's Afroganza attracted more than three hundred people at the Student Center's Hall on Friday, March 23.

It featured dance, fashion shows, drama, solo performances and much more. It was the collective effort of the African Club and other UB students and university staff, who have started preparing for the event months ahead.

A group of them performed a dance by Deep Forest, called "Non Day-son." It was followed by solo performances of Beylul Soloman, Ola Ogunye and others. A high-light in the show was a dance performed by a professional New York dancing team, whose performance was an electric mix of drums, movement and agility. The end of it

was provocative, as dancers picked up members of the audience and entangled them in their swirling show, while the drummers challenged them with beats that grew faster and faster. Among the people to dance up to the challenge was Prof. Stoyan Ganey, Director of the New England Center, and many students who got up to join the wild dancing crowd on stage. As Prof. Lamont Thomas, professor of History, nicely wrapped it up: "It was great! You could see everybody in the hall was moving."

The party was furnished with dinner, especially prepared and set up for the occasion. Some of the dishes looked curiously unfamiliar. "I tried something, which looked like a banana but tasted like a sweet potato," commented Bogdan Stamoran, a freshman at UB. Undoubtedly, it all tasted great, though. And, judging from the long lines of impatient students in front of the buffet and the negative time, in which the food was polished off – the Afroganza's treats appealed to everybody.

The show proceeded with a fashion show, entirely organized by UB students. They presented African national costumes, as well as modern clothing decorated with African and Asian motives. As the organizers later commented, most of the clothes were personal belongings of the students, but part of them were also provided by a fashion shop from Trumbull.

The event ended with a wild after-party

Bowling alley now open regularly

BY AMBICA GUPTA

The much-awaited bowling alley of UB has finally opened with a bang this semester. It was opened on the 6th of March and from now on will be open on a regular basis, that is, twice per week, from late evening to midnight.

Plans to open the bowling alley have been under-way for a very long time now, but nothing was done to the effect, as it was not a part of the budget in the Student Congress.

Currently they are fully responsible for the bowling alley. A student has been hired to manage the show – the music selections and the provision of refreshments.

Presently, the machines of our bowling alley are quite old. There is a constant need of the presence of a mechanic. Gradual changes are being brought about. There is an effort to

replace the old equipment and repair broken down machinery, and to change the balls.

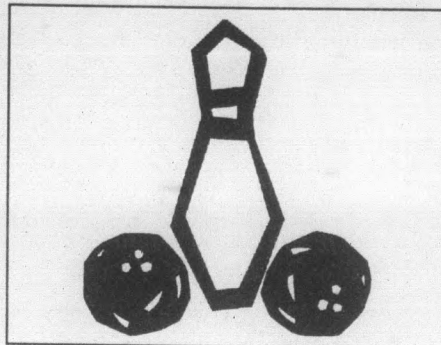
The turnout till now has been quite impressive and is successfully growing with the passage of time. However the response is not as vast as it was

until now when the bowling alley would be open once a semester. This is due to the low level of awareness among the students. An improvement will take place in this area through fliers and by word of mouth.

The bowling alley is free for all undergraduate students whereas the graduates are required to pay an entrance fee of \$3 – the reason being that

they pay less towards the activity fee. The alley has also been made available to outsiders for the charge of \$5 and has been kept open for rent to clubs, and outside groups.

The merging of the poolroom and the bowling alley might take place in the distant future. Finances are the main issue. As of now the bowling alley stays as it is.



The alley is finally open after years of sporadic usage

Student Congress Update

The Student Congress and the Board of Trustees have approved a revised formula for the Student Activities Budget. All full-time undergraduate students shall pay a student activities fee of \$15 per semester, and this figure shall be matched by the Board of Trustees to arrive at the Student Activities Budget. Anyone with questions should contact President Lucas Mc Cloud at x2017.

Elections for the 2000-2001 Student Congress will begin on April 5. All positions of the Student Congress will be open for election. Anyone interested in running for a position should obtain the election guideline materials from the secretary in Room 117 of the Student Center.

The Student Congress emphatically expresses its appreciation and considerations to President Neal Salonen, Trustee Colin Gunn on behalf of the Palisades Foundation, and the Board of Trustees for their concern and support of the revised Student Activities Budget formula.

The offices of the Student Congress are located in Room 231 of the Student Center. The telephone number is x4818.

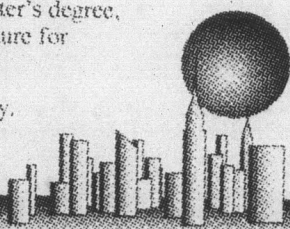
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Purple Knights' Sports



UB Gymnasts off to Arizona

Their season started last millennium and now after more than three months of competing, the UB gymnastics team has earned for themselves a place at the USAG National Championships at Arizona State University on April 5-8.

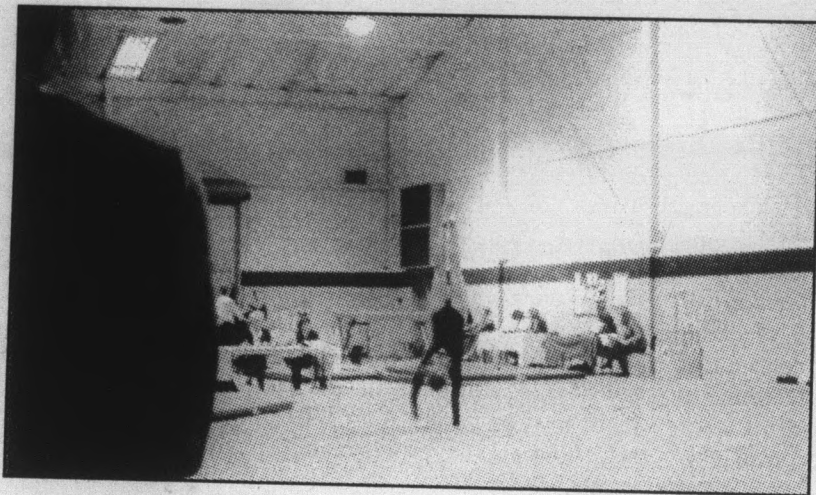
They finished the season ten and five.

The only dark cloud over what was an excellent season was a considerable one, as senior standout Angela Currie was lost for the rest of the season with an injury sustained during her floor routine on March 8 at The University of Massachusetts Amherst.

In their final home meet of the season, on March 11, they faced off against conference rivals Southern Connecticut State University.

This meet was the senior meet and the seniors shone. Celina Gonzalez scored 9.450 on the vault to place sec-

Freshman Joey Marie Kochanski finished fifth overall and, Freshman Tracy Vassaluzzo finished sixth.



Casey Clayton during her floor routine vs. SCSU on March 11

The following Saturday, March 18, the UB gymnasts traveled to SCSU for the Eastern Athletic Collegiate Conference Championships. We finished second in the championships going down to SCSU for the second time in a week, 184.025 to 187.0.

Casi Clayton finished second in the meet. Junior McFarland finished fifth overall and Tracy Vassaluzzo finished sixth overall.

Senior Casey Clayton finished, 12th in the EACC, 17th in the region, and 140th in the nation in the all-around competition to lead the team in her final year at the

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Scoreboard

Gymnastics

Date	opponent	score	overall
3-8	@UMass Amherst	188.375 - 193.825	10-4
3-11	SCSU	186.150-187.00	10-5
3-18	@SCSU (EACC Champ)	184.025 -107.00	

Next meets

4-1— Regionals in Penn State
4/5-8- Nationals Arizona State
GOOD LUCK!!!

Softball

Date	opponent	Result	overall
3-10	*Grand Valley State U	L, 0-3	0-1
3-10	*(10) Uni. of ND	W, 6-4	1-1
3-11	*Tri-State University	L, 0-9	1-2
3-11	*Dana College	L, 0-4	1-3
3-13	*Iona College	L, 3-6	1-4
3-13	*Bryant College	W, 10-0	2-4
3-14	*St. Francis (NY)	W, 10-5	3-4
3-14	*Georgetown Coll	L, 1-10	3-5
3-16	*Transylvania U	L, 0-1	3-6
3-16	*St. Ambrose U	L, 0-4	3-7
3-22	@Mercy College	W, 11-9	4-7
3-25	Bentley College	L, 1-3	4-8
3-25	Bentley College	L, 5-7	4-9
3-27	@St. Thomas Aquinas	L, 0-2	4-10

(*Spring Training)

NEXT HOME GAME

Saturday April 1 vs Franklin Pierce College @Seaside park (behind ABC) 12:00pm

Baseball

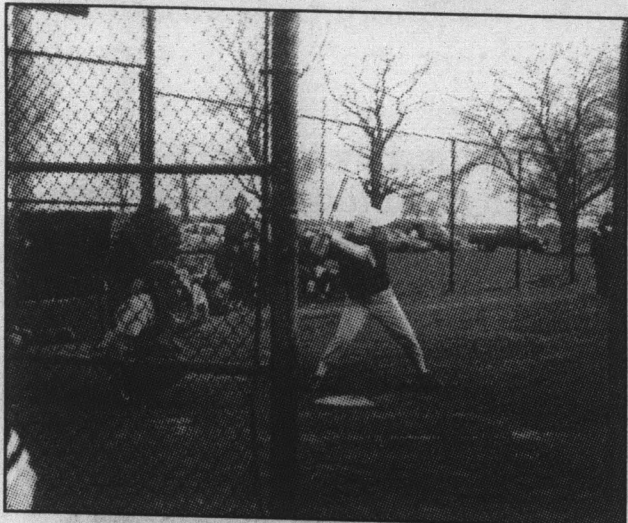
Date	Opponents	result	overall
3-11	*St. Ambrose U	W, 4-0	1-0
3-12	*Molloy Coll	L, 2-8	1-1
3-13	*Barry University	L, 2-6	1-2
3-14	*Lynn University	L, 3-13	1-3
3-15	*Mass College	L, 7-10	1-4
3-16	*Savannah College	W, 1-0	2-4
3-17	*Dominican College	L, 0-5	2-5
3-17	*Uni. of Rhode Island	L, 5-9	2-6
3-18	*Millersville U	L, 0-11	2-7
3-21	Bentley College	L, 1-4	2-8
3-22	Albertus Magnus Coll.	W, 7-2	3-8
3-23	@Mercy College	L, 7-8	3-9
3-26	@Stone Hill Coll.	L, 6-7	3-10
3-26	@Stone Hill Coll.	L, 2-13	3-11

(*Spring Training)

NEXT HOME GAME:

Friday March 31 vs. College Of St Rose @Harbor Yard 3:00pm

Softball season swings into action



Senior Katie Rossiter in home opener against Bentley

da, enjoying their week off, the University of Bridgeport's softball team was also in the sunshine state, for their spring training camp.

They played ten games in Boca Ranch, Florida, and finished the week with three victories and seven losses.

While in Florida they faced the number ten team in the nation, the University of North Dakota. In the second game of their opening day doubleheader, on March 10, they defeat-

ed the northern powerhouse six to four. They were the only team in Florida to

do so. Trying her hand at softball Freshman Fatima Carvey came up big in this game.

After suffering disappointing losses Tri-State University, and Dana College on March 11 the Lady Knights battled back on March 13 to a three to six loss at the hands of Iona College. This was followed later in the day by a hammering of regular season opponents Bryant College ten to nothing. In this game Junior Valerie Steen pitched the complete game shutout. This victory was followed on March 14 by a ten to five victory over Division I team St. Francis (NY) college. Junior transfer Rebecca Hicks hit a grand slam in this game.

Both starting pitchers Valerie Steen and transfer Junior Sara Ward pitched

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Baseball Team Back From Florida

While many students were in Florida with some bruises, but with an improved showing from last year's southern trip.

The team went 2-7, including a win in their season opener, on March 11. They played hard despite a string of injuries. Sophomore outfielder, J.R. Causa, was lost for the season after breaking his leg in a play at the plate.

Senior shortstop, Kevin Huber, pulled his hamstring and missed seven games. Senior catcher, Chris Adams, missed two games due to knee problems. However, the Knights were able

to come out of Florida with two wins and some solid performances.

In the season opener against St. Ambrose, Junior Mike Sinclair threw seven scoreless innings in his Purple Knight debut to get the win.

Sophomore Adam McClaren threw two scoreless innings in relief, as UB recorded a 4-0 shutout.

In the game against Savannah, (GA), on March 16, Sophomore James Huestis threw a two-hit shutout for a 1-0 victory in a pitcher's duel. The only run was scored by Sophomore Adam Bajko after being forced home on a bases-loaded walk

drawn by Senior Warren Miedreich.

The Knights had only three hits in the contest, including two by Sophomore Nilvio Perez.

Freshman Mike Liacos also threw well, offering seven scoreless innings of relief against Massachusetts College. Miedreich and Freshman Matt Donahue each had three-hit games on the trip. The majority of the games were closely contested, including a 5-9 defeat at the hands of Division I University of Rhode Island on March 17.

The Knights dropped their home

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